

with Northern Division, and then Chesapeake Division, to become a GS-7 Management Analyst. Moving to Washington DC in June 1970, he continued to progress at the Chesapeake Division, becoming a GS-11 Program Analyst. In April 1973, he was promoted to Headquarters, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, where he began as a GS-11 Employment Development Specialist. For the next 15 years, Mr. DiFilippo had a most profound impact on manpower matters in the entire Command. For 9 years as a GS-13, he led the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Professional Development Program, bringing numerous professionals onto the roles, and nurturing their careers through professional guidance and support. Many of those he hired and guided are now the key leaders in the organization.

Moving up again in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, DiFilippo became a GS-14 Supervisory Management Analyst in the Office of Civilian Personnel Programs, and eventually became the GS-15 Director of the Office of Civilian Personnel Programs (the "DCPP," as his position is known), with wide responsibilities for all aspects of personnel policy and management.

Someone of his breadth of talent is often called upon to help in other areas. In July 1988, DiFilippo was detailed to the Pentagon to support the Navy Model Installations Program. His extensive knowledge and skills helped numerous initiatives gain acceptance and improve the Naval shore establishment. He continued with the Model Installation Program at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command until April 1991, when he became the GS-15 Special Assistant to the Deputy Director of Programs and Comptroller at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. In this position, he influenced major budgetary and program decisions, improving efficiency and effectiveness.

From 1993 until his retirement, Mr. DiFilippo served as the GS-15 Director of Corporate Management, acting as the Special Assistant to the Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and to the Deputy Commander for Operations. His positive influence on Command decision-making during this period cannot be overstated. He has been the steady, keen mind helping to implement major Command initiatives, and advising not only senior managers, but the entire Command. Everyone in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command knows that if you need an answer, "Just ask Lou."

DiFilippo's steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him awards almost too numerous to mention. He has received the Superior Civilian Service Award three times (1982, 1984 and 1998), and the prestigious Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 2005. He leaves behind a legacy of mentorship and service that will be difficult to match, along with a cadre of leaders within the Command that have benefited from his professional guidance.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Louis DiFilippo for his long and dedicated service to this country, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he begins his well earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS BROWN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of an outstanding American—Mr. Thomas Brown of La Grange, IL, who passed away on April 11, 2005.

To say that Tom Brown devoted his life to service is an understatement. A native of Cicero, IL, Mr. Brown married his childhood sweetheart, the former Helen Sauer in 1942—right before joining the Army Air Corps as a bombardier. While flying a mission on March 26, 1945, Lieutenant Brown's bomber was hit by enemy fire over Austria, and the father-to-be became a prisoner of war.

Not satisfied to sit on the sidelines for the remainder of the war, Lieutenant Brown joined his fellow prisoners in overpowering the guards—and then stealing a German plane! The escapees flew the plane to Allied-occupied Yugoslavia, where they crash-landed the plane after being shot at by Allied troops. Lieutenant Brown received the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Victory Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in the storybook escape.

Upon returning to the states after the war, Tom Brown did what most veterans did at the time—he went to work, in his case, in the family plumbing business, and he raised a family with Helen.

Mr. Brown's devotion to service led him into local politics, and he served on the La Grange Village Board from 1968 to 1973 and as Village President from 1973 to 1977. In 1983, Mr. Brown took a position as La Grange Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector, working until his retirement in 2002.

He was well-known around the community for his wit and easygoing personality. As current La Grange Village President Tim Hansen said, Tom Brown was "the classic old Irish character."

"He was just terrific at limericks and he had a knack for putting people at ease. Both he and Helen have been great friends to the village—just stalwarts in their commitment to helping the village or the church or whatever cause needed them," President Hansen said.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to Mrs. Brown and the Brown children, as on the passing of Tom Brown, who represented so well the "Greatest Generation."

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JENNIFER HENRY, MARION MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the countless contributions of Jennifer Henry to Marion Middle School.

Jennifer Henry received her B.A. in Anthropology from Texas A&M University. She is currently furthering her education by pursuing her Master's in Secondary Education from Texas State University.

Ms. Henry became interested in teaching while she was a student at Texas A&M. Her studies there convinced her that students need more than just information: they need to be taught how to study and learn. As a result of this insight, Ms. Henry strives to give her students the skills and habits of thought they will need to become successful lifelong learners.

Ms. Henry's goal is to provide a safe, inviting, and engaging classroom environment. She aims to make her curriculum student-centered, and to take advantage of all the available technology resources to facilitate learning. She believes that students learn best from practical examples, and tries to connect learning with real-life applications as much as possible.

Ms. Henry is an energetic and committed teacher, and her efforts have already made a positive impact on her school district and her students. She has a bright future ahead of her, and I am happy to have the chance to applaud her work here today.

INTRODUCTION OF PORTLAND STREETCAR TARIFF WAIVER BILL

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation that will waive tariffs on three new streetcars to be delivered in 2006 for the city of Portland's successful streetcar system. Without a domestic producer of compatible streetcars, it does not seem reasonable that the city should have to pay an additional \$300,000 in tariffs.

The Portland streetcar system has served as an important mobility option in circulating workers, students and visitors throughout the downtown area. Additionally, the system has attracted over a billion dollars in development along its route, linking housing, offices, retail, and Portland State University. Recently, the streetcar was extended down to the banks of the Willamette River and construction has already begun on a further extension to the South Waterfront development project being anchored by Oregon Health Sciences University.

I thank the Ways and Means Committee for consideration of this legislation, which will continue to help improve the transportation options and livability of Oregonians.

TRADEMARK DILUTION REVISION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 683, the Trademark Dilution Revision Act.

Trademark law emanates from the commerce clause. It was originally about consumer protection, ensuring consumers are not confused or harmed by the misuse of a famous trademark, rather than property protection. However, with the passage of the Federal